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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I'm concerned about the state of competition in many of our markets including ISPs in Silicon Valley where I live. Strangely in this hotbed of innovation there are very few real options for internet providers.

Amongst the larger companies there is Comcast and ATT which operate as an oligopoly with limited competition and poor customer support. There are a few smaller ISPs which, for the most part, do not offer viable service for residential customers including some that offer over-the-air service which is slow and expensive and of course satellite providers which are also slow and expensive. There is also one local provider, Sonic.net, which does offer a competitive solution (DSL only) at reasonable rates compared to the giants.

I look forward to the FCC creating a playing field that attracts more competition to this essential service that may be a natural monopoly. More competition, not less, is needed.

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